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CHURCH RELATIONS

June 23, 1966

Mr. John Allen Chalk
Box 574
Cookeville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Chalk:

Bethany College is most happy to serve as the official host for a special Centennial Unity Forum July 1-4, 1966. Our primary theme will be "Campbell After a Century -- The Man and His Influence." Mr. Leroy Garrett, representing Churches of Christ, Mr. Charles Gresham, representing the North American Convention and Dr. Gresham, representing the International Convention, have been working together for several weeks on formulating plans for this special gathering. Because three brotherhoods are involved in planning the program, it has made us somewhat late in sending formal invitations to some of our guest speakers.

It is my understanding that Mr. Garrett has discussed this Forum with you and extended our invitation informally. I take this opportunity in behalf of Dr. Gresham, President of Bethany College, to invite you to participate as a panel member at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, July 3, discussing the subject "Is There a Pattern for Christian Unity?" I have enclosed a copy of our tentative program. This is only a rough draft. Panel representatives will have an opportunity to present formal opening remarks at the beginning of each panel discussion.

Bethany College is sponsoring this challenging program simply out of its love for Mr. Campbell. We have no foundation or special resources to underwrite it and will, therefore, be unable to offer travel expenses, but are prepared to provide for all your lodging and meals while you are here.

I know the demands upon your time are extremely heavy, but this program can produce much good. It has already received wide publicity among our various communions throughout the entire nation. We have struggled over the years fighting each other. This kind of a program may test the sincerity of our desires to understand each other. I feel confident you will honor us with your contribution if you can possibly schedule it.

Most sincerely yours,

Farrell D. Walters

Farrell D. Walters, Director
Church Relations and Ministerial Training

CENTENNIAL UNITY FORUM
Bethany College
July 1-4, 1966

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x=Speakers
Confirmed

Theme:

CAMPBELL AFTER A CENTURY --
THE MAN AND HIS INFLUENCE

- Friday
July 1
- 1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. Registration Cramblet (Ground Floor)
- 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. Dinner
"Campbell's Influence on Baptists"
*Speaker-Hillyer H. Straton
- 7:30 P.M.-9:30 P.M. Panel Discussion OPEN FORUM
Why Are We Divided?
*Moderator-Charles Gresham
*Seth Wilson-(Ozark)
*Roy Carlton Key-(Disciple)
*Gene Shelburne, Black Canyon Church of Christ, Phoenix, Arizona
- Saturday
July 2
- 8:00 A.M.-9:00 A.M. Breakfast
"Campbell's Influence on Ecumenical Conference of Rome"
*Speaker-Dr. A. T. DeGroot, Professor Church History, Brite Divinity School Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
- 10:00 A.M.-12:00 noon Panel Discussion OPEN FORUM
Is The Restoration Ideal Valid?
*Moderator-John R. Bean, Minister Northwest Christian Church, Columbus, Ohio
*James DeForest Murch
*Dr. A. T. DeGroot
*W. Carl Ketcherside
- 12:15 P.M. Lunch
"Campbell's Influence on Churches of Christ"
*Speaker-Dr. David Stewart
- 2:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. Guided Tours--Free Time--Brush Run
"Campbell's Own Account of His First Brush Run Sermon"
*Speaker-Leroy Garrett
- 7:30 P.M.-9:30 P.M. Banquet
*Speaker-Perry E. Gresham, President, Bethany College

8:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M. Breakfast
 "Campbell's Influence on Christian Churches"
 ✕Speaker-A. Dale Fiers

10:45 A.M. Worship Service (Old Bethany Church)
 ✕Minister-J. Jefferson Hamilton, Bethany
 Memorial Christian Church

12:00 noon Lunch (Bethany House)

1:30 P.M. Film "Back to Jerusalem" Audio Visual Room

2:30 P.M. Campbell Mansion Tour

5:00 P.M. Dinner on Grounds (Campbell Mansion)

6:00 P.M. ✕Sermon-Hiram Lester-(Bethany)

7:30 P.M. Panel Discussion OPEN FORUM

Is There a Pattern for Christian Unity -
 If So, What Is It?

✕Moderator-Leroy Garrett
 ✕A. Dale Fiers
 ✕W. F. Lown, President, Manhattan Bible
 College, Manhattan, Kansas
 ✕John Allen Chalk, Herald of Truth, Abilene,
 Texas, Minister, Church of Christ,
 Cookeville, Tennessee

Monday
 July 4

8:00 A.M.-9:00 A.M. Breakfast
 "Campbell's Influence on North American
 Convention"
 ✕Speaker-Henry Webb, Professor, Milligan
 College, Tennessee

10:00 A.M.-12:00 noon Panel Discussion OPEN FORUM

What Obstacles Do We Face In Realizing
 Unity and What Are the Solutions?

✕Moderator-Darrell Bolin-(Lock Haven, Pa.)
 ✕John R. Bean
 ✕Lavern Houtz, President, Southeastern
 College, Lexington, Kentucky
 ✕Richard Phillips

12:15 P.M. Lunch
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 Speaker-